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Freshman retention increased in 2010-11

BY BRENT EDWARDS
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the midst of record class sizes in the past two years, Xavier's freshman retention rate has continued to outpace the national average, with 86 percent of freshmen students in 2009-10 returning for their sophomore year in 2010-11.

While the class entered with 1,195 students in August of 2009, 86 percent of the students—1,028—remained for a second year.

The retention rate is a slight increase from the 85 percent retention rate from the class of 2012, yet slightly below Xavier's average of 88 percent for the past three years.

Xavier's rate is higher than the 74 percent national retention rate, according to National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

Of the 86 percent retention rate, Xavier retained 100 percent of its Latino students.

Executive Director of Student Academic Support Services Adrian Schiess said the University's African-American student retention had declined from previous years, but said exact statistics of the decline are unavailable.

Overall, Scheiss said the 14 percent of students leaving Xavier after one academic year may come from a number of sources.

"There are a variety of reasons to explain the decline in retention," Schiess said. "These include

the economic downturn that made it harder to pay for four years of college tuition. Additionally, differences in similar aid packages can cause a gap that some families cannot fill. Families may have multiple students in college which can make the burden even harder to carry."

The statistics on freshman retention will be part of a discussion in upcoming months as the University prepares for a review from the Higher Learning Commission on April 4-6.

In the recently-released HLC report, Xavier's Higher Learning Commission voiced concerns about the size of Xavier's incoming classes on academic performance, as the freshman class' incoming grade point average has fluctuated from between 3.41 and 3.49 between 2008 and 2010.

"These statistics show the generally high performance of incoming freshmen in terms of standardized test scores and class rankings," the report reads.

"However, the numbers also reveal a fairly steady decline in academic credentials across most categories, suggesting that the quantity of students being admitted to Xavier is outstripping the quality in terms of academic preparation."

Xavier HLC report also noted that the University's freshman retention rate between 2000 and 2006 remained between 87 percent and 90 percent—a number consistent with the freshman class of 2010-11.

Geschke to speak to class of '11

BY DOUG TIFFT
Editor-in-Chief

Sitting through classes in Alter Hall and attending basketball games at Schmidt Fieldhouse, Charles Geschke cast the image of an average 22-year-old Latin major at Xavier University in 1962.

Now, 49 years and one National Medal of Technology and Innovation later, Geschke—the co-founder of Adobe Systems—is coming back to the campus where he received his undergraduate degree and a master's in mathematics in 1963, this time to give the keynote address at the commencement ceremony for the class of 2011.

"I certainly am very honored," Geschke said. "It takes me back to when I was graduating, and I wonder if I recall what was said—I realize I probably do not. But it is an important time in these young people's lives. The only advantage I can think of aging is that you have a lot of experiences to share how you dealt with them for the next generations—or two generations in my case."

The address will be the third commencement address Geschke has given, after speeches at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, Calif., and San Francisco University.

While Geschke said he will have to sit down to write a speech before addressing the crowd in Cintas Center on May 14, his previous addresses have touched briefly on his background.

As a teenager Geschke studied to be a Jesuit, being stationed in Milford, Ohio. Upon changing course to a purely academic life, Geschke decided to stay in the



Photo courtesy of nationalmedals.org

Charles Geschke (left) and John E. Warnock (center), cofounders of Adobe Systems, await the presentation of their National Medal of Technology and Innovation by President Barack Obama in September 2009. Geschke will deliver the commencement speech this May for the class of 2011.

Cincinnati area and attend Xavier.

He graduated with a degree in Latin, but was already teaching courses in mathematics of finance during his senior year. Fr. Ray Allen, S.J., of the mathematics department, assisted Geschke in receiving his masters degree in 1963, after which Geschke moved to Cleveland to teach in the mathematics department at John Carroll University while studying at Case Western Reserve for his Ph. D. in mathematics.

Yet, after a former student began teaching Geschke to program computers during evening how-to sessions, Geschke's wife, Nan, encouraged him to pursue a degree

in computer science.

In 1972 Geschke received his Ph. D. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University and moved to Palo Alto, Calif., to do research for Xerox. A decade later, Geschke abruptly left Xerox in December of 1982 to begin Adobe with fellow research analyst John Warnock, building the company to more than 4,000 employees.

"You never know," Geschke said. "Which is always the message I talk to graduates about. Whenever you think you have everything figured out about your future, you will find out something changes."

SGA refuses AB funding request

BY JAKE HEATH
News Editor

Alternative Breaks' request for a \$4,000 grant to aid in a trip to Russia was denied on Jan. 24 by the Student Government Association's Financial Affairs Committee amid confusion over the nature of the request.

According to junior Ryan Alleman, Financial Affairs Committee Chairman for Senate, the SGA special request fund—from which AB made its request—contains approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000, saved by SGA and placed aside for all clubs who wish to have funding for new events that would have been unforeseen during its budgeting process in April.

Special request funds can be given out to clubs in maximum sums of \$4,000 and must be completed at least three weeks prior to



Photo courtesy of Ryan Alleman

Junior Senator Ryan Alleman, the Financial Affairs Committee Chairman, has helped Alternative Breaks with a miscommunication on a \$4,000 grant request.

the event.

Once the special request forms have been completed, the club presents a proposal to FAC and SGA during the following meeting on Monday.

AB applied for a special request fund to help pay for visas

and translators in anticipation of the June trip. When the information was presented to SGA, a miscommunication led SGA senate members to believe AB was only interested in the purchase of student visas.

"We've been working closely with AB for the last two or three weeks to try and secure special request for them," Alleman said. "With AB, there ended up being a bit of a confusion with their request. When we allocate special

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Women clip Flyers



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Senior Amber Harris is averaging 18.7 points and 10 rebounds per game this season for the No. 7 Xavier women's basketball team.

BY JOCELYN TAYLOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Xavier women's basketball team won an overtime thriller at the UD Arena Saturday 70-66, for its 23rd consecutive Atlantic 10 win.

Senior Special Jennings led the way for the Muskies with 18 points and eight assists. Senior Amber Harris was second in scoring with 16 points to go with four blocks.

The game opened with the Muskies controlling the ball. Jennings and senior Megan Askew gave the team its first four points before Dayton senior

Kristin Daugherty put the Flyers on the board.

Both teams shot poorly to start the game and neither team could pull ahead. The game featured five ties and five lead changes in the early going, but Dayton out-hustled the Muskies on the boards and converted more second-chance opportunities.

Senior Ta'Shia Phillips' strong presence inside kept the Flyers from completely controlling the paint. She had three blocks and drew key fouls against Dayton junior Casey Nance.

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XU hosts The Great Debate

The Great Debate Honor Society shares ‘Know Thyself’

BY MIKE GLYNN
Staff Writer

All too often a debate is considered to be a yelling match between two or more people where whoever yells the loudest typically is viewed as the winner.

Over this past weekend, in collaboration with Make It Plain Consulting — a program designed to improve leadership, social awareness and knowledge about diversity issues — Xavier University and The Great Debate Honor Society hosted The Great Debate in the Gallagher Theater.

The Great Debate began in 1985 in Nashville, Tenn., under the leadership of Dr. Amiri YaSin Al-Hadid.

The focus of the program is to teach students, faculty and surrounding communities the beliefs of various leaders of social change.

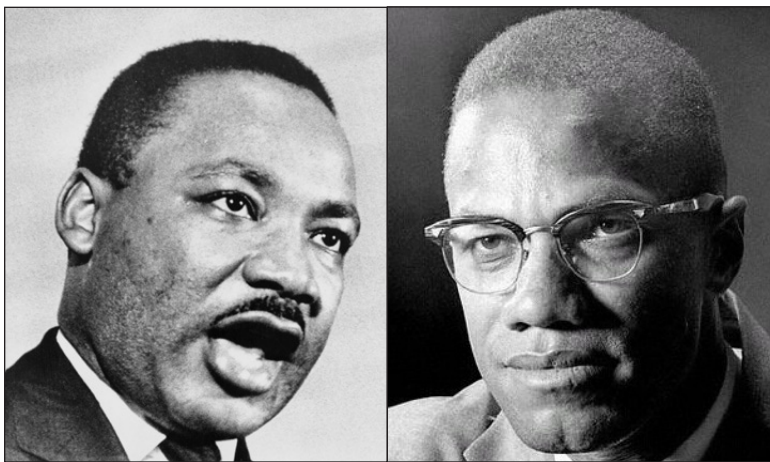
Originally, The Great Debate centered around the philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz and John Coltrane.

Further expansion of the event led to the creation of The Great Debate Honor Society (GDHS).

The GDHS stresses the concept of “Know Thyself.”

This belief is expressed through the group's desire for individuals to achieve academic and professional excellence as well as achieve an appreciation for one's personality.

Xavier's The Great Debate



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Philosophies of Martin Luther King Jr. (left) and Malcolm X (right) were used to discuss the topic question “The Miseducation of a Generation: Are we producing a 21st century leadership or life-long needership?”

highlighted Xavier University, the University of Cincinnati and Central State University.

The three universities explored the question “The Miseducation of a Generation: Are we producing 21st century leadership or life-long needership?” through the lens of Malcolm X, Dr. Luther King Jr. and a synthesis approach.

“The event came about after conversing with students about the lost art of debating in the middle of last semester,” said Robert Clay, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The three universities were broken down into teams of three students.

“There was a campus-wide informational held in November that was open to students to attend to learn more about the program,” said Clay. “Once there was a Xavier team, a debate was held to determine who would represent

XU in the debate while the other team members served as researchers and coaches.”

Xavier defended the Malcolm X philosophy, UC defended the King approach and Central State defended the synthesis. The debate teams were given three opportunities to speak.

The first was to present their argument, then reply or critique another team's argument and finally, make a closing argument.

Each team was critiqued by a panel of judges composed of various educators and public figures such as Roxanne Qualls, the Vice Mayor of Cincinnati, and Xavier's own Rabbi Abie Ingber.

Debate teams were awarded points for concise and clear arguments, the ability to defend opposition to team's particular views and the thoroughness of the team's research.

However, the event was not solely centered around debate. The night was host to various performances and musicals. Monologues such as “Motives and Thoughts” by Mark Tolbert, a freshmen from Xavier University, and “Feel Me Now” by Josh Egel, a senior from the University of Cincinnati, provided a brief period to reflect on the history of African American culture and the gap in opportunities for different people in the world.

The musical performance of the night belonged to Camille Perry, who performed “He Wants It All” by Forever Jones and “Encourage Yourself” by Donald Lawrence just prior to the announcement of the winning team.

Xavier finished the night in second place with a score of 659, with Central State University winning with a score of 824. Cincinnati came in third place with 606 points.

“It was well attended by all institutions and local community. There was a great cadre of judges who were faculty, staff and administrators at the respective institutions, community members and governmental officials,” said Clay. “I was most proud of the XU students for their commitment to being active participants. Although they didn't win the debate, they gave the competition a challenge.”

Initial talks have already begun to bring back The Great Debate in February 2012.

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 2 edition of the *NewsWire*, the construction photos on the Campus News page were taken by Jade Sanders.

In the Feb. 2 edition of the *NewsWire*, Jimmy Geiser's name was misspelled.



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Club Profile

XU learns to fence

BY ROBYN CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The fencing club may have made little noise around campus, yet still fights strong with swords and jabs.

The club meets in the Armory 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with advisor and coach Bob Lehner.

During the first semester, students are introduced to the three weapons — foil, epee and sabre.

Foil, the starting weapon, requires strategic planning and precise attacks in order to hit the target area (the chest).

Epee, the next weapon, requires timing and excellent defense since the target area for epee is the whole body, front and back.

While both foil and epee must poke to score points, sabre scores points mainly by slashing.

Sabre requires quick and aggressive attacks and the target area is everywhere above the waist.

After the basic introduction, students begin training with their weapon of choice.

They learn the difference between electric and dry fencing and which pieces of gear are needed for both. For example, both types

of fencing need the mask, jacket, plastron, a glove for the dominant hand only, chest protector/cup, knickers, socks and a good pair of gym shoes.

Body cords, lames and special masks for sabre are needed to fence electric, because fencers and their weapons are hooked up to a box that lights up when someone scores. This year, the fencing club is participating in three tournaments at the Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University and University of Notre Dame.

On Saturday, the fencing club will head to Cleveland to participate in the first tournament of the spring semester at Case Western Reserve University, where first time fencers will be able to compete.

The OSU tournament last semester was only for experienced fencers, although new fencers could tag along to cheer on teammates and to help fix weapons.

Fencing is much more than just beating each other up with swords.

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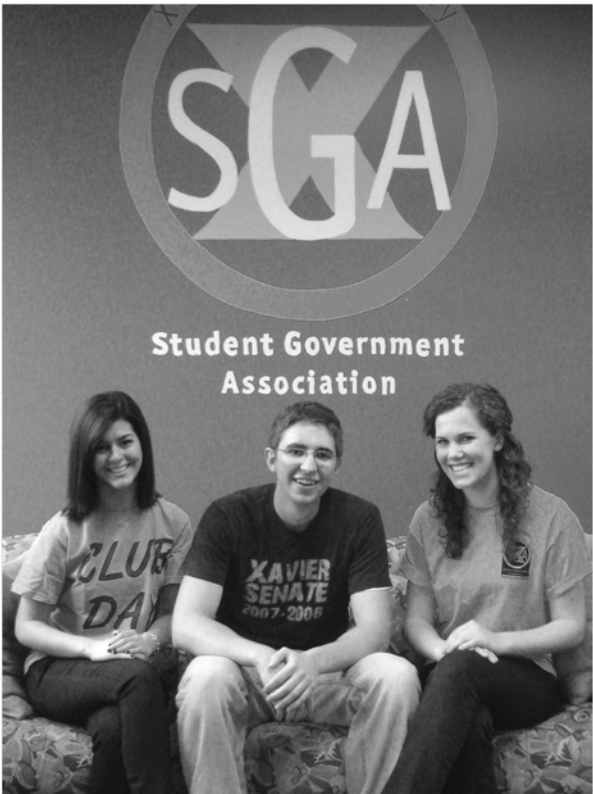
Considering a different career path but close to graduation?

SGA executives reflect on twilight of term

BY KEVIN TIGHE
Staff Writer

The 2010-11 Student Government executive office, under the leadership of senior Kevin Contrera, has been able to implement a majority of their original

platform. With the anticipation of March, the month in which Student Government undergoes a shift in leadership, Contera has begun to reflect on his 11 months as SGA's leader.



SGA Executives (pictured left to right) Cristin Giacci, Kevin Contrera and Blair Kmetz have accomplished 90% of their original platform.

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Contrera, the student body president, Cristin Giacci, the legislative vice president, and Blair Kmetz, the administrative vice president, make up the current executive office. “By the end of this week, after getting over a few hurdles for long-term initiatives, we will have done over 90 percent of our platform,” Contrera said. “We feel really good about our progress.” Contrera said he was heartened by the 90 percent

completion rate, especially in light of recent tickets’ success ratio. The executive office’s progress is shown in a newly constructed club space in Gallagher Student Center, a 24-hour Conaton Learning Commons, increased safety standards, enhanced communication between officials and students, a push for the LGBTQ Research Coordinator position and a motion for a new club management software. After taking the oath of office April of 2010, Contrera, Giacci and Kmetz wanted to begin immediately by taking advantage of the summer months to begin initiatives. “We put a lot of work into developing our platform,” Contrera said, “So in the beginning, we made sure that the ideas we were running with were feasible and practical to be accomplished in a year.” Contrera and the executive office’s complexity can best be seen late on a Monday, a day generally filled with school work, meetings and planning for members of the

executive office. “It’s easy to stay up until two in the morning, even on Saturday nights, when you are doing work that you enjoy,” said Contrera. However, Contrera is not the only one burning the midnight oil in the SGA office. Giacci and Kmetz are usually around working on projects themselves. “Upholding the promised platform for our students has been the No. 1 effort by all three of us,” Contrera said. According to Contrera, the current executive office prides itself on the improvements they created for students and clubs. “Overall, I think they have done a great job and I have enjoyed working with them,” Leah Busam Klenowski, director for Student Involvement, said. Even with changes already made by Contrera and his executives, the midnight oil in the second floor of Gallagher will continue burning.

“It’s easy to stay up until two in the morning, even on Saturday nights, when you are doing work that you enjoy.”
-Senior SGA Executive President Kevin Contrera

SGA refuses AB funding request

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request funding we allocate it to a specific event or a specific trip. When we're looking at special requests we always try to look at what is different about their request that warrants additional funding. There was a perception that visas were that factor." This perception that AB was only applying for visas led Senate to deny the special request because it determined that it would only cost \$2,100 for the visas — a number AB provided to SGA and the Student Activities Council before the meeting. AB presented the numbers because clubs wishing to apply for special request funds must provide their own research prior to the presentation. FAC is currently working with AB to clarify the miscommunication while still providing AB the funding it needs to continue with the Russia trip. "We're still working very closely with Alternative Breaks to accommodate their needs," Alleman said. "We're still working in a very collaborative manner."

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Professor Profile: Dr. Mack Mariani

By DOUG TIFFT
Editor-in-Chief

The *NewsWire* had the chance to sit down with Dr. Mack Mariani of the political science department to find out a little more about his personal politics and teaching style.

Xavier NewsWire: Where are you from?

Dr. Mack Mariani: Buffalo, N.Y., originally. Grew up in Buffalo. I lived in Rochester for about 10 years. I went to Canisius College; it's very similar to Xavier. I graduated with a political science degree in 1991. Then I went to [Washington] D.C. for a while, worked for about four and a half years for a member of Congress, Bill Paxton. Then lived in Rochester for about 10 and then ended up here.

XN: I hear you use some unusual references to popular culture in class?

MM: I am a huge fan of popular culture. You have to know that when I first went to college, my initial career goal was to be a disc jockey or a comedian. When I learned that I was poorly suited for either of those things, I decided to get my MBA. I want to create a comfortable atmosphere in my classroom, and in my classes I try to push students very hard. They do a lot of reading, a lot of work, but at the same time I want people to feel comfortable to talk. The other part of it is politics is fun. Politics is a blast. If we teach it like it's

the most boring thing in the world, then it's going to turn people off. So I try to let that come out, that politics is fun and you can laugh about it. I enjoy teaching every day. Students are the best part of the job.

XN: What would you say is your favorite go-to reference to use in class?

MM: I'll kind of mix in quotes from movies or culture. "Dogs and cats living together", which is a line from *Ghostbusters*. But nobody knows that line even though it's popular. In one of my exercises I use *Gilligan's Island* as a teaching tool. I try to incorporate a lot of YouTube—at least once a week there will be some sort of clip. Politics is hard. You have this balance of wanting to teach theory and also trying to connect it to the real world. A lot of times popular culture will reflect back on the things that we are doing in class, and I try to bring that out. I think it makes some of the things we are talking about a little more memorable.

XN: How many newspapers or shows do you read or watch a day?

MM: I don't have cable. I have the cheapest possible cable. So I get 95 percent of my information from the web. I also read *The Cincinnati Enquirer* pretty regularly. I'll also read the *Wall Street Journal* Online and sometimes the *New York Times*.

XN: Do you have a blog that you go to every morning?



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Dr. Mack Mariani teaches in the political science department.

MM: I like Carl Weiser's blog and his Twitter. I'm not on Twitter; I would say something stupid. I listen to a mix of stuff. On the right, I like the Instant Pundit, who's kind of a libertarian, law professor guy. I think he's very good at being a portal. I think Drudge is sometimes good—less so now—but Drudge is a good source of newspaper stories. You can find stories from all over the country from Drudge. Ace of Spades is probably my guilty pleasure—that makes me laugh out loud. I tend to be right-leaning, so more of my blogs are probably that.

XN: How do you keep your political preference out of the classroom?

MM: It's a challenge in some respects and not in others. I think you have to be very cautious about not imposing your views on other people. What I try to do is not to project my own opinions on modern day political issues. What I'd rather do is hear what students have to say and ask questions, sometimes even play devil's advocate. If someone says something right-leaning, you try to push against them and say well, what about people who say the opposite? I think this is a very conservative campus, student-wise. Conservative students I think are a little bit more wary of their professors. There's this kind of image of professors as being left-leaning, and I think that's kind of the stereotype, they are in the faculty lounge plotting socialist plots and those sorts of things. The reality is you'll find professors of all political types on this campus. Some to the right, some to the left. More to the left than the right, but everybody is gracious.

XN: What did you do your dissertation on for academic writing?

MM: Typeline of Women's Representation. I'm interested in that, and at looking at how women advanced through politics. It's one of the things I'm well informed about.

XN: You help with internship programs here; what are some of the better internships

that you help people get?

MM: Students tend to want to take what they've learned here to the workplace, but then when they go to the workplace, they see stuff and they bring that back to the classroom. They look at things a little bit differently and they are enthusiastic about the study of politics again. It gives them a little bit of direction and clarity and helps them focus them in the classroom. We had one student who worked at an adoption agency; I've had students working for the mayor and members of Congress, the Treasury and a lot of legislative stuff.

The more prestigious a position, the less you usually get to do. So, while working for a city council race is not as prestigious as a productional campaign race, in the city council race you might be one of only two or three staff members. You actually get a chance to do and see and be part of every aspect of the race and you can learn a lot from that. If you're in a congressional race, you're going to see some things, but you're more on the outside looking in. I encourage students to think about local town halls or working for your local mayor or city council's member's campaign. Those sorts of opportunities are really where you're going to learn how campaigns and governments work.

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NOTES

Feb. 1, 3:15 p.m. – A contract employee was arrested for three outstanding misdemeanor warrants and was released to the sheriff’s office.

Feb. 2, 6:32 p.m. - Xavier Police responded to the report of a suspicious individual on Dana Avenue and Herald Avenue looking into vehicles. The subject was not located during a search of the area.

Feb. 4, 10:29 p.m. - Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a loud party in The Village. During the breaking up of the party, a beer bong was confiscated. Residence Life will follow up with the three underage students hosting the party.

Feb. 4, 10:41 p.m. - Xavier Police responded to a report citing the smell of marijuana in a Village Apartment. A small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was confiscated from the location and Residence Life will follow up with the students involved.

Feb. 4, 11:15 p.m. - A student carrying a concealed flask inside Cintas during the senior Snowball Dance was cited for

disorderly conduct.

Feb. 4, 11:16 p.m. - Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a drug search in The Village. A small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was confiscated. Residence Life will follow up with the three students involved.

Feb. 6, 3:52 p.m. - Xavier Police and Residence Life investigated the report of a dog at The Village. The students with the dog were taking care of the animal for a commuter student. The students at the apartment agreed to watch the dog at an off campus location.

Feb. 7, 1:05 a.m. - A student observed sleeping on the 4th floor of the Conaton Learning Commons was escorted from the building. marijuana and other drug paraphrenalia was confiscated.

NOTE OF THE
WEEK

Feb. 6, 1:03 a.m.- A student being carried by two other students was transported to his or her room in Kuhlman Hall. While being transported by Xavier Police, the student threw up in the backseat of the patrol car. The student was cited for underage consumption.

Recyclemania returns for 2011

BY CORY BRENNEMANN
Staff Writer

The Sustainability Club is sponsoring the second Recyclemania in 2011, although this year’s version will have some noticeable differences. The week of recycling will commence with a kick-off event for the first time, and individual halls will compete against each other, as opposed to entire dormitories.

The Kick-Off event, which will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 in Kelley Auditorium, will be full of comedy. The acts include the improv group Don’t Tell Anna, a group from Xavier Players and a standup routine from John Schroeck. All of the acts will consist of Xavier students, giving a familiar flair to the night’s festivities. An Amazon Kindle, as well as gift cards, will be handed out to those in attendance.

Divvying the competition among halls is aimed toward generating more interest in addition to rewarding those who are specifically recycling the most. The winning hall will receive two movie tickets, while the second place floor will receive five-dollar gift cards.

Recyclemania is the biggest event of the spring semester for the Sustainability Club, but it is not the only event. The club is currently involved in a number of campaigns including bike and composting programs.

They also are focused on larger initiatives such as upcoming construction on campus. “We are also pushing for East Campus to be built as eco-friendly as possible,” club president Laura Wallace said.

Recyclemania is the primary focus now, though, beginning Friday

night at the kick-off, where the club hopes to draw a big crowd. A crowd, the Sustainability Club hopes, which will leave more educated about recycling.

“The goal of Recyclemania is to increase awareness and participation in recycling around campus,” Wallace said. “It is such an easy thing that everyone should be doing it anyways.”

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BRIEF

*You Tube’s “Lip
Dub” comes to XU*

BY KRIS REILLY
Staff Writer

The Greenspace will be full of music on 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14. as Xavier will be shooting its own version of the popular YouTube “Lip Dub” videos.

The “Lip Dub,” a single shot video that showcases various people singing the same parts of a song on camera, is a way to showcase Xavier’s students and campus to a catchy tune, organizers.

The song choice, Taio Cruz’s “Dynamite,” will be sung by an array of students from 16 clubs, club sports teams and Xavier athletes along with Xavier faculty and staff such as Fr. Al Bischoff, S.J., and Rabbi Abie Ingber.

The group will be gathered between Gallagher Student Center and Bellarmine Chapel.

Wearing club shirts and Xavier apparel, the students will sing the exact lyrics as they are recorded on camera for the length of the song.

The final scene of the video will feature the Xavier Dance Team performing a routine in the GSC atrium as balloons and confetti fall from the ceiling and students join in singing from each level of the building.

If the video production is rained or snowed out, the shoot will move completely into GSC.

XU Television Association (TVA) will be creating the video. Behind this production are sophomores Katelynn Barnett and Jake Lutz along with junior Anna Reid.

“It feels really good to be part of something that we love and to do this video just because we can,” Barnett, a public relations major, said.

It will be a great opportunity to showcase Xavier as a school, and although the final video cannot be used for recruitment purposes, it will be available for viewing on the Xavier website and portal as well as on YouTube.



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Lip Dub will create a video featuring Xavier students on Monday, Feb. 14.

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EDITORIAL | Senatorial shenanigans Too big for their britches

On Monday, Senators Sam Rogers and Chris Hale, who serve on the selection committee charged with selecting a commencement speaker, put forward a suggestion which the *Newswire* believes provides a brilliant illustration of the arrogant attitude which, from our perspective at least, appears to have begun infecting that body. Now, don't misunderstand us; we are well aware that Xavier's student government, like that of any school, tends to attract and reinforce a certain degree of pomposity, and we are well-inured to that reality. Over the past few semesters, though, Senate has attempted to commandeer authority to a degree unprecedented in our collective memory. Their most recent affront, though purely rhetorical, was a proposal that Senate, acting as the student body incarnate, should assume for itself a more active role in the decision to award honorary degrees to commencement speakers.

Whether it is their repeated attempts to ram a lavishly-subsidized expansion of the (still virtually unused) shuttle system down our apathetic throats or their consideration of this latest scheme to hijack power from University administrators by legislative decree, one major theme common to the past several Senate sessions is an apparent instinct to conflate personal with popular opinion. More cynical souls than we might point out that, alternatively, the underlying cause of Senate's high-handedness might not be misunderstanding, but instead a willful attempt by some to advance their personal agendas under the guise of representing student interests.

In this instance, it is fairly easy to dismiss the cynical interpretation in favor of the more reasonable assumption that the idea originated from a sincere desire to address an issue of potential interest to the student body. But that still leaves unresolved the concerns it raises about the SGA culture which might foster such poorly-conceived initiatives. Even leaving aside the conspicuous question of whether the University would actually accede to such a demand, we are disinclined to think that it would benefit the school. Indeed, it seems borderline ridiculous to leave students with the choice of whether to bestow an honor on someone whom they evaluate merely on the basis of their long-windedness. Much better, it would seem, to leave the decision in the hands of school officials, who can take the time to become informed, and who are accountable to alumni should they miscalculate.

EDITORIAL | AB funding request SGA should be more thorough

The *Newswire* agrees with SGA that it is an excellent idea to have a fund dedicated solely to projects that groups — oops! — forget to budget for. A look at any underclassman's diet right before payday makes it clear that budgeting is not part of the core curriculum.

The *Newswire* also agrees that it is a great idea to have a committee whose job it is to oversee these funds. Insert joke about usual governmental misappropriation of funds here.

The *Newswire* even agrees with SGA that occasionally these requests should be rejected. However, we do find it disconcerting that Alternative Break's request for additional funding for an upcoming trip in June to Russia was not turned down because SGA disapproved of the trip as a whole (they don't), or because ABers made clear their intention to buy as much vodka as they could carry with the student body's money (they didn't), but instead because SGA misunderstood what exactly the request was for. The ABers' request was not exactly the same as a similar request made by a group headed to Ukraine last year, leading SGA to believe that the Russia group's higher request was unreasonably high.

As long as these SGA meetings are, you would think ample time would be provided so that the nitty-gritty details, like what exactly is being voted on, could get hashed out. The *Newswire* wishes the ABers better luck on their next attempt to gain funding, and hope that "miscommunications" will not make a third request necessary. June is, after all, right around the corner.

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Letters to the editor

A more complimentary appraisal of Kevin Feeney

After reading through the grades for most of the mens basketball players in a recent *Newswire*, I thought about how I did not agree with some of the grades and the reasons behind them. Everybody does have different perspectives on how well each player is doing compared to how they should be doing, but there was one grade that stood out to me as wrong. Kevin Feeney has shown how hard work can pay off. Joining the team as a walk-on his junior year and eventually earning some minutes in important games (ex. Florida and Cincinnati) is not a feat that should be discounted. Sportswriter Steve Rosenbaum gave Feeney a C for the work he has done this season. Feeney has far exceeded his role and has been rewarded by being given playing time. His energy, hard work, and hustle should have easily earned him an A. When he steps on to the court, there is a heightened level of excitement that comes from our student section, which can then influence the other players. When a player's presence can infuse energy into his team, that player deserves an A. I give Steve Rosenbaum a C.

Patrick Miller | '11

If you have an opinion on a story, or want to bring attention to an issue *the Newswire* has not covered, submit your 250-word letter through the “Newswire” tab on the MyXU portal...

The behavior of our student section reflects on all of us

As a senior at Xavier and an avid supporter of the men's basketball program, I have been deeply disturbed by the occasional lack of courtesy shown by members of the student section during recent home games. During last Saturday's game versus the Saint Louis University Billikens a few men in front of me began jeering Saint Louis University Head Coach Rick Majerus about his weight. It was neither funny nor appropriate. In the past, Mr. Majerus has had serious heart problems related to his weight and even had open heart surgery in 1989. But more importantly, he is a man of astounding character. In the past two decades, he has turned down multiple opportunities to move up the coaching ladder in order to be close to and take care of his ailing mother. He is an impressive ambassador for college basketball and embodies the best of Saint Louis University. The same cannot be said of the

members of our student section who began these ruthless taunts. Unfortunately, this is not the only time I have witnessed such behavior during men's basketball games. Just this past December, members of our student section started chanting "U.S.A." while a Wake Forest Junior from Belarus, Nikita Mescheriakov, shot free throws. At the very least, these cheers were inappropriate. But I also think it would be fair to characterize them as both nativist and perhaps racist in nature. Xavier is a blessed place with special young men and women who are attempting to achieve the highest hopes of a Jesuit, Catholic institution — to become persons of conscience, character and competence who give their lives away in the service of the Kingdom of God. Let's use Xavier basketball games to showcase nationally the best of our University and nothing less.

Chris Hale | '11

NOTES & ASIDES

A collection of comments, observations, and general remarks from your friendly editorial staff, intended for your edification and amusement

- On Jan. 31, a motion was brought up in SGA Senate to impose a minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 for all students holding leadership positions on campus. We hope that the Senate will approve the measure, not least because it will reassure us that a majority of senators are better than C students.
- We now know that Charles Geschke, co-founder of Adobe Systems, will be the commencement speaker this May. We use his company’s products extensively here at the *Newswire*, but we would use them still more if we had enough licenses for all our computers...
- It was a bad weekend for revelers at the Village Apartments, and a busy one for the police. Within the space of an hour on Friday night, Xavier Police responded to four calls to that location. First, they broke up a party hosted by underage students — taking a beer bong as their trophy. Then a mere 12 minutes later they made a marijuana bust in the same complex before disbanding a second party 20 minutes after that (they took a beer pong table this time). Finally, they capped off their night in another 15 minutes with yet another marijuana bust. We suspect the residents of the Village have gotten the message.
- Students get some measure of payback on Saturday night, however, when an intoxicated student vomited in the backseat of a patrol car while being transported back to his or her room. Police were apparently helpless in the face of the (presumably cocktail-colored) discharge, citing the student only with underage consumption.
- Two Xavier students appeared in the latest episode of “Police Women of Cincinnati” on TLC, making them instant celebrities as clips of the video spread via Facebook and Twitter. You can supply your own witticism for this one.
- Although there is much to bemoan in the latest report of Xavier’s retention figures — and the *Newswire* will undoubtedly moan loudest — the outlook is still far from bleak. Even in the midst of a struggling economy and against the background of a high national rate of college dropouts, Xavier has maintained a retention rate well above 80 percent, which is a testament to the school’s many efforts in that department.

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Is Xavier losing that small-school feeling?

As we rounded the corner, out of a multi-million dollar business school, past the trusty stand of weekly student newspapers and out toward the basketball arena that stood as the defining feature of campus, my steps felt familiar.

There were smiling faces all around, dressed in the school colors, intermittently giving an acknowledging head nod to approximately every 30th person. And there were busybody professors shuffling into and out of archaic brick buildings while seemingly attempting to place their finger on the best discussion questions to pose to their 2:30 p.m. classes.

“This feels almost exactly like Xavier,” I said to my friend as we drove off the Saint Joseph’s campus and by a corner bar he identified as one of the two local weekend hangouts. “I mean, it is small enough to where you feel like you know everyone in this little bubble.”

He nodded for a second, then cocked his head.

“Yeah,” my friend said, dressed in his Saint Joseph’s lacrosse sweatshirt. “I guess that is true most of the time. But occasionally it is weird. I feel like I know all the people on my floor or in the clubs I am in, but there will be times when I go to a party and it will just be a totally new group of a people — like I will not recognize a single person there.”

Driving back from my hiatus in Philadelphia, I could not help

but think of how foreign it would be to go to a university without a tight-knit community like Xavier.

At Xavier I can go to Dana Gardens on a Friday night and say hello to 45 people as I fight my way through the mosh pit of bod-

ies. I can go to Kroger on a Saturday afternoon and know there is no chance I make it to the checkout counter without at least a passing greeting with another student. Or I can go to the library to write a paper knowing

there is an 85 percent chance that as I am cozying up at one end of the third floor there will be at least one other person in my class toiling away on a rented laptop.

It is all these little intimacies that, to me, make Xavier what it is: a small Jesuit school with 4,000 students and an inward focus on strong relationships within its own population.

Yet, rolling along I-76 that blustery day, it occurred to me that Xavier was inching closer to letting some of that closeness slip away. As the University grows — adding not just new classroom buildings, restaurants and residence halls, but also students by the hundred — it toes the line of forfeiting the closeness of being able to strike up a conversation with nearly every person at O’Connor on a Friday afternoon; as class sizes swell from 800 to nearly 1,200, it is becoming im-



DOUG TIFFT

Editor-in-Chief

The relation between aggravating fees and superfluous luxuries

I’m going to be completely honest with you: I’ve tried writing this column three different times and all three have turned into the biggest cases of writer’s block of which I cannot shake. So hopefully my musing on the subject will stir some response because maybe there is someone out there that can voice a little better what I’ve noticed recently.

My first draft began with a horrible beat down on Xavier University’s apathetic attitude toward its students, carelessly tossing money this way and that, erecting a skyscraper dorm and supersizing every part of the campus at the expense of the student checkbook. I wanted to list off all the ridiculous fees that seem to hold little to no bearing other than they might produce a profit for the school. An \$875

charge for every credit hour past the maximum of 18; three grand for housing, and another two for food, per semester; lab fees, parking tickets, tuition. Blue Books, for crying out loud, must be paid for by the student. Soon did I realize that even the most reasonable charges to my Bursar account would have fallen within the sights of my keyboard rantings.

This realization sent me into a quick backpeddle through which I was able to list, with equal length and speed, the vast amount of commodities that students are given here. I have, not one, but two 24-hour study areas on campus, both of which provide free access to internet, printing stations, computers, and technical support. I have my own personal chauffeur, who shuttles, free of

plausible for anyone to stand on stage at commencement and honestly say he has met every person in the crowd before him.

A swelling class size and subsequently shrinking sense of camaraderie would not merely affect students as they walk across campus with their head down instead of on a swivel to wave to passing acquaintances. Once the students graduate and think back on their time at Xavier it will become less about their affiliation to a larger community and more about their ties to a small clique of friends — with the only connection to the University coming at events like men’s basketball games. Such an instance would be a major blow to the Development Office, which already struggles to encourage recent graduates to give as little as \$5 per year in remembrance of their time on campus.

So as I pulled back into campus at the end of my drive and thought about Xavier hiring a new provost, demolishing Alter Hall to build a shiny new classroom building and adding a whole new side of campus on the old Zumbiel lot, I couldn’t help but think of the crossroads at which the University has found itself. One path may lead to financial prosperity and plenty of ink from *U.S. News & World Report*. But before plunging headlong into the bigger is better idea, perhaps we should consider what makes Xavier the university it is — the atmosphere and the community.

At the very least, nudging the school toward a profile similar to the Saint Joseph’s of the world would have one sure consequence: Dana Gardens would have no chance of staying under the fire code.



JAKE HEATH
News Editor

charge, any and all students to Kroger, Kenwood or even to the end of the block. I am considered a subscriber of the *New York Times* and *U.S.A. Today*. And who can complain about free tickets to one of the best home basketball teams in the Atlantic 10? But again, my gears began to grind at this point. I wasn’t feeling the sort of admiration one should when you list off these sorts of gifts.

It appears that it is our necessities which are suffering the wrath of a fiscal attack, while our luxuries are being gloriously pampered. I am hoping someone can make my confusion clear, but there is something in this mesh of hateful complaints and wonderful freebies that doesn’t sit well. It should not be the case, as it is now, that I can pick up a book from the bookstore, scan it on my Droid, and find it for \$100 cheaper elsewhere, while basketball tickets valued at close to \$100 can be given to me for free. This is a sort of whacky world for student financial assistance. Prioritizing student luxury over academic comfort? What’s wrong here?

Women clip Flyers



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com
Senior Special Jennings had 19 points and eight assists while playing all 45 minutes in the 70-66 overtime victory against Dayton.

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Jennings, the steady offensive presence for the Muskies, tied the game at 18 from the free throw line. A 5-0 run by junior Tyeasha Moss and Jennings put Xavier up 23-20 at the half. Jennings had 14 points, two assists and two steals at the break.

Dayton turned things up offensively in the second half. Junior Patrice Lalor found her shooting stroke and gave Dayton a 29-27 lead.

Xavier dug in defensively and forced the Flyers to take some tough shots. With Dayton struggling, Xavier went on a 9-0 run for a 38-29 lead.

Dayton would not go away. The Flyers caught the Muskies sleeping defensively after their offensive possession and blew past them for easy layups. Both Harris and Phillips were hit with four fouls and Dayton's Lalor hit a three-point shot with 1:12 remaining in the half.

Jennings missed a three-point basket and the ball was controlled by Dayton. Lalor, who had been hot the entire half, took the go-ahead jumper and missed. Phillips came down with the defensive rebound and passed the ball ahead to Jennings, who found sophomore Katie Rutan in the corner. Rutan hit the three-point shot to tie the game at 60 and send the game to overtime.

Neither team was able to score in the first minute of overtime. Phillips drew a foul on Dayton sophomore Olivia Applewhite, but only made 1-2 free throws.

Dayton junior Justine Raterman nailed a three-pointer to give the Flyers a 63-61 advantage over the Muskies.

A flurry of fouls were called thereafter and Nance and Dayton

junior Elle Queen along with Phillips for Xavier, fouled out of the game.

Harris and Askew then took over the game. Askew had a key block that led to a fast break three-point play by Harris.

Jennings also went to the line to give the Muskies a 68-64 lead. Askew fouled Lalor and sent the Flyers to the line with 16 seconds on the clock. Lalor made both to make it a two point game.

Harris drove down the lane and got to the rim again. She missed the shot, but made her free throws to seal the win, as she did in their previous meeting against Dayton at Cintas.

"We beat a really good team today. We made a lot of mistakes today, but they're really good," head coach Kevin McGuff said.

"Special played great, she really kept us in it," McGuff said. "[Amber] wasn't great in the first half. They did a good job defending her, but she turned it on in the stretch. It was a great test for us, and I'm really happy for our team."

The Musketeers will remain on the road to take on Richmond at 7 p.m. tonight. The team will return home this week to host Fordham at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12.

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Sports

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Swimming gears up for A-10 championship

BY SABRINA BROWN
Staff Writer

Xavier's women's swim team ended their regular season with a loss at home to the Ohio University Bobcats 118-78 on Friday.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Xavier women took both first and second place. The team of senior Bethanie Griffin, sophomore Anne Frigo, freshman Lakenn Reynolds and senior Kari Peglar took first place with a time of 1:39.93. The team of freshmen Lynn Brotherton and Kelsey Richards and sophomores Courtney Shields and Randi Windemuller came in second with a time of 1:42.62.

"We were up against a pretty tough team in Ohio, they're definitely a challenge for the MAC championship which is certainly a league a little above ours," head coach Brent MacDonald said. "We set up our training completely for our conference meet at the end of the year, so this is kind of a funky plateau place for our training."

In the 150 breaststroke, junior Mary Podlaski took first place with a time of 1:10.74. She was followed by freshman Natalie Hyde taking second place with a time of 1:12.75 and sophomore Natalie Pohlman taking third place with a time of 1:15.01.

"It gave our girls an opportunity to get up and race, and not really worry about times which at



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Kerry Wright is one of 11 seniors leading the Musketeers into the Atlantic 10 championship on Feb. 23.

this point in time in the season is what we're looking for, some good race practice," MacDonald said.

Freshman Courtney Cox took first place in the 400 freestyle. Freshman Olivia Wilkes and senior Kerry Wright took first and second place respectively for XU.

The men and women's swim teams also hosted the Wright State Raiders on Jan. 29 for their Senior Day where the men beat the Raiders.

The seniors honored for the Musketeer women were Kari Peglar, Kerry Wright, Holly Hoover and Bethanie Griffin. The

Musketeer men honored seniors Terence Mahon, Nathan Green, Andy Knight, Andrew Viglione, John Nolan, Michael Franke and John Roof.

"We're certainly really proud of all eleven of our seniors," MacDonald said. "It's great to have a class of that size make it all the way through. It's a hard thing to do, to commit four years of your time with as long as our season is."

The swim team will end its season with the Atlantic 10 championship held in Buffalo, N.Y. on Feb. 23.

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Musketeers pick up key road win

XU responds to first A-10 loss with wins over SLU, Georgia

BY SCOTT MUELLER
Sports Editor

As junior point guard Tu Holloway goes, so go the Musketeers.

Holloway had a rare off game against the Charlotte 49ers that resulted in the Musketeers’ first Atlantic 10 loss on Wednesday. Holloway had a down first half against Saint Louis, but rebounded for 20 points in the second half to lead the Musketeers to victory. Holloway had a zero point first half against Georgia, but once again led the Muskies to victory with a scoring explosion in the second half.

“[Holloway’s] 1a on the scout-



Newswire photo by Andrew Matsushita
Senior Jamel McLean is leading the Atlantic 10 in offensive rebounding, averaging over four per game.

ing report, that was very clear after we played Charlotte, you’ve got the opposing coach comparing him to Michael Vick,” head coach Chris Mack said. “While I feel like we have other talented players, he’s certainly the guy that gets us going.”

The Musketeers got off to a quick start against Charlotte, taking a 16-4 lead. Despite the lead, Mack was not happy with his team’s play and thought they could have been up by even more.

The 49ers responded with a 16-2 run of their own to take the lead, and would lead by two at halftime, 29-27.

After starting the game 0-7 from behind the arc, the 49ers made six of their next eight three-point attempts, and they led most of the way in the second half.

Sophomore Mark Lyons and senior Jamel McLean kept the Musketeers within striking distance. Lyons finished with 25 points, matching his career-high. McLean finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite his struggles, Holloway did not lose confidence and continued to take shots, finishing with 12 points. He shot just 3-17 from the field, including 0-8 from three-point range.

The Musketeers were able to get back on track on Saturday at home against Saint Louis.

After a third straight down half, Holloway had a breakout performance in the second half to lead the Musketeers to a 76-68 victory over the Billikens.

The Musketeers led 31-24 at halftime, despite only four points from Holloway.

The Billikens came out hot in the second half led by junior Brian Conklin and freshman Rob Loe. They opened the half shooting 9-9. They went on a 13-3 run to open the half and take the lead 37-34.

With the Billikens ahead 48-47, Holloway was fouled driving to the basket. He made both free

throws to give the Musketeers the lead for good. He finished with 20 points in the second half, and 24 for the game.

“Saint Louis’ defense, they came out really hard in the beginning,” Holloway said. “They made things really, really hard for me. As the game went on, I guess their energy went down a little bit and I was to get a couple more easy looks.”

Despite another low-scoring half from Holloway, the Musketeers trailed by just one at halftime against Georgia, 27-26. Holloway, although he did not score, had four assists and three steals in the first half.

The Musketeer frontcourt had a mixed performance in the first half, but was able to contribute most of the production for the Muskies in the first half. Junior Kenny Frease and McLean combined for 15 points. However, they were at times overmatched by the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs had five blocks in the first half.

The Musketeer backcourt carried Xavier to victory in the second half. Senior Danté Jackson was 3-4 from three-point range. Lyons hit a three to give the Musketeers the lead for good and Holloway ended up leading all scorers.

Holloway, for the second straight game, had a big outburst in the second half. Holloway’s first points of the night came on a three-pointer to give the Musketeers a 38-37 lead.

Lyons also had 11 of his 14 points in the second half.

Holloway finished with 18 points. He was 11-11 from the free throw line as the Musketeers hit their free throws down the stretch to clinch the 65-57 victory.

It was the Musketeers’ first true non-conference road win of the season.

The Musketeers will travel to Duquesne at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13 to battle the Dukes for sole possession of first place in the A-10.

Duquesne Preview



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Freshman T.J. McConnell, who leads the Atlantic 10 in steals, and the Dukes are forcing turnovers on 28.5 percent of possessions, the highest rate in the country.

Both the Musketeers and the Duquesne Dukes are 8-1 in the Atlantic 10 heading into Sunday’s game for first place.

The Musketeers are coming off a road win over Georgia, while the Dukes are coming off their first loss in the A-10 to St. Bonaventure.

The Dukes are a little deeper and more balanced than the Musketeers, with seven players averaging more than six points a game.

The Dukes lead the A-10 in scoring, averaging 81.0 points a game. All 16 of their victories have been by double figures, and every loss except for one is by six points or less. The lone exception is a 14-point loss to No. 4 Pittsburgh.

The game will feature two of the best point guards in the conference. Junior Tu Holloway for the Musketeers is leading the A-10 in scoring and is second in assists, while Duquesne freshman T.J. McConnell is leading in the conference in steals and is third in assists. He has been named A-10 Rookie of the Week five times this year.

The Dukes are one of the most toughest defensive teams in the country. They force a turnover on

28.5 percent of possessions, the highest rate in Division I. They pick up a steal on 13.7 percent of possessions – good for fifth in the country.

McConnell leads the A-10 in steals, senior preseason A-10 first teamer Demiam Saunders is second and senior Bill Clark is fifth.

Despite Duquesne’s defensive numbers, the Musketeers match up well against the Dukes. The keys for the Musketeers will be to control the pace of the game – something an elite point guard like Holloway is capable of doing – and get the ball into the paint.

Duquesne will try to turn their defense into quick offense. If the Musketeers can limit Duquesne’s points off turnovers and fast breaks, they will allow their frontcourt to get involved in the game. Senior Jamel McLean and junior Kenny Frease should be able to exploit a relatively undersized Duquesne frontcourt. The Dukes are last in the A-10 in defensive rebounding percentage.

Sunday’s game will go a long way to decide seeding for the A-10 tournament and could have NCAA tournament implications for both teams.

— Scott Mueller

Rollercoaster weekend for men’s tennis

BY KYLE ISAACS
Staff Writer

This past weekend had its highs and lows for the Xavier men’s tennis team. On Friday, the men picked up their first victory of the season with an impressive 7-0 win over the Morehead State Eagles.

On Saturday the men returned to action, but lost 7-0 to the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in Richmond, Ky.

Head coach Eric Toth was pleased with his team’s performance on Friday night in notching the elusive first win of the season. “We were confident in our ability to pick up a win after competing against some very good teams early on in the season,” Toth said. “It was a good win.”

Senior Bobby Deye defeated

the Eagles’ No. 1 (7-5, 7-5) and the Musketeers’ sophomore Brandon MacDonald won his second consecutive No. 3 singles match.

The doubles tandem of senior Brian Starr and Deye defeated the Eagles’ top duo (8-6).

Sophomores Philip Diaz and Marc Pretorius finished Morehead State off in doubles with a dominating win in the second doubles match (8-0).

The men returned to action the next day against an experienced Eastern Kentucky team.

“[The back-to-back matches] had a minor impact,” Toth said. “We did not respond well in some of our earlier matches but Eastern Kentucky was the better team on Saturday.”

Despite losing to the Colonels (7-0), Deye and freshman Jimmy

Roebker earned Xavier’s lone win in No. 2 doubles. Xavier fell to 1-4 following the defeat to Eastern Kentucky after failing to “finish points at the net” according to Toth.

Overall, Toth was still pleased with the “consistent fight and effort” the team showed on Saturday.

For the first time this season, the men’s team hosts a match at 7 p.m. this coming Friday, Feb. 11 at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club versus Cleveland State. The team will remain home for the weekend and take on Austin Peay at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

“It’s nice to finally play a game here in Cincinnati, especially considering we get the opportunity to play at Eastern Hills where we practice,” Toth said.



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Senior Bobby Deye recorded three wins this weekend, including two victories in doubles matches.

Predicting the 2011 Grammy Award Winners

BY JOHN STEVENS
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I'm not one to brag, but I'm feeling pretty good about predicting things at the moment.

Before the NFL season started, I correctly claimed that this year's Super Bowl champions would be the Green Bay Packers.

That said, I also predicted that the Bengals would win the AFC North. Nobody's perfect.

The NFL season has ended, and that means awards season is about to take over the Sunday TV slot. And coming Feb. 13, the 53rd annual Grammys will be held.

The nominations were announced back in December, but with the date nearing, it's time to roll up my sleeves and take a go at predicting who will be taking home the "Big 4" awards...

Album of the Year: Eminem – *Recovery*

Other nominees: Lady Gaga – "The Fame Monster," Katy Perry – "Teenage Dream," The Arcade Fire – "The Suburbs," Lady Antebellum – "Need You Now."

Eminem made a herculean effort with his most recent album, shrugging off negative reviews from "Relapse" and his own past addictions to put out what many are calling his finest work. Riding the success of singles "Not Afraid" and "Love the Way You Lie," and with "Recovery" already called the top selling album of 2010, I can't see Eminem not taking home a gramophone this year. Though The Arcade Fire had an excellent and eclectic album and



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The 53rd Annual Grammy Awards will air at 8 p.m. on February 13 on CBS.

Lady Gaga seems bound to win if for nothing but more hype towards her new album, I think Eminem has wrapped up his first album of the year.

Record of the Year: Jay-Z feat. Alicia Keys – "Empire State of Mind."

Other nominees: Eminem feat. Rihanna – "Love the Way You Lie," B.o.B. feat. Bruno Mars – "Nothin' on You," Lady Antebellum – "Need You Now," Cee-Lo Green – "F*** You!"

For those who don't understand the difference between "Record of the Year" and "Song of the Year," "record" refers to the whole sin-

gle song as well as the mixing and recording. The award honors the mixers and engineers in addition to the artist. This award can often be considered a toss-up because all of the songs are of excellent production quality.

None of the other nominees hit the gold as Jay-Z and Alicia Keys did with "Empire State of Mind." The song was and still is everywhere and it became an anthem for New York City.

Song of the Year: Lady Antebellum – "Need You Now"

Other nominees: Cee-Lo Green – "F*** You!," Ray LaMontagne – "Beg, Steal, or Borrow," Miranda

Lambert – "The House That Built Me," Eminem feat. Rihanna – "Love the Way You Lie"

"Song of the Year" honors the actual songwriters. Though I'm not a crazy fan of country music, "Need You Now" was undeniably one of the best-written songs of the year, both in terms of lyricism and just being catchy. It even found great success in the pop arena, which is an achievement in the last few years if your name isn't Taylor Swift.

Once again, I really want to have a chuckle and see a Grammy be awarded to Cee-Lo Green, who, regardless of my childishness, did

indeed put together a funny and catchy song. This one is probably the biggest toss up of the bunch, but I'll make the call on "Need You Now."

Best New Artist: Justin Bieber

Other nominees: Drake, Florence + the Machine, Mumford & Sons, Esperanza Spalding

As many of your jaws drop reading that, pick them up quickly. I'm not a fan of the kid. In fact, I think it's simply silly that he's been able to rub elbows with some of the best artists in the music industry in such a quick period of time. Here's the problem though: he's the most marketable thing in music today. Mr. Swooshy Hair himself is a tween idol, and at his age (what is he now, 13?) he's already raked in the profits from two major label records and consistent touring, plus countless commercials and TV appearances. Other nominees may be arguably more deserving (particularly Mumford & Sons or Florence + the Machine), but Bieber has created a phenomenon. One that may make you sick, but a phenomenon nonetheless.

The Grammys air at 8 p.m. Sunday Feb. 13 on CBS. Musical performances will include Lady Gaga, Eminem, B.o.B., Lady Antebellum, Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, Miranda Lambert, The Arcade Fire, Rihanna and Drake, Cee-Lo Green featuring the Muppets, Muse and Mick Jagger with Raphael Saadiq.

Do something different this Valentine's Day

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If you are still looking for something out of the ordinary to do with your significant other on Valentine's Day, look no further. Forget going out to dinner and eating chocolates – try one of the following 15 dates for something a bit different.

1. Have a friend cook your dinner

Grab your friend who is skilled in the kitchen and ask him or her to make your meal. Take your date out to the mall or to see a movie, and when you return, your house



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Sunrises and sunsets make for a beautiful view.

will smell of delicious food. Plus, you didn't actually have to cook anything yourself!

2. Take a hot air balloon ride

It may be a bit cold, but this date is definitely unique and something the ladies will enjoy. Bring a blanket and watch the city as it passes beneath you. Try Bella Balloons, which has multiple locations across Cincinnati (they even have a Valentine's Day special!)

3. Go for a hike

Again, I know it is a bit chilly out. However, this date can still be enjoyable. Pack a thermos filled with hot chocolate, blankets and all the necessary ingredients to make s'mores. Have a picnic while watching the stars. Cincinnati Nature Center or Sharon Woods are two great places to take a hike.

5. Watch the sunrise

Wake up early, make breakfast and watch the city wake up.

6. Take a cooking class

You both get to spend time together, and you get to brush up on your culinary skills (which, we might add, you can use later to impress your date even more!). After your class, try making one of the recipes you just learned. Jungle Jims, Sur La Table, and Williams Sonoma all offer classes you can take.

7. Attend a sporting event

A hockey or basketball game

may not be something everyone will enjoy, but for the right person, attending a sporting event could be the perfect date. The Cyclones play next on Feb. 12 at the US Bank Arena – go buy your tickets!

8. Board game night

Apples to Apples, Uno, Taboo or Twister would all make for a fun night. If you would like some company, invite other couples to join you and make the night a double or triple date.

9. Visit a museum

Museums are free or inexpensive, so this is a great option for poor college students. Check out the Cincinnati Art Museum or visit the Cincinnati Museum Center.

10. Make a scavenger hunt

Create a scavenger hunt around campus, or around the city if you have a car. Make clues to help your significant other, and let the ending location be somewhere meaningful to both of you.

11. Eat dinner backwards

Eat dessert first, then the main course, followed by an appetizer and drinks. It's a unique and different way to enjoy your meal!

12. Play with finger paints

Grab some paper and get dirty with finger paints. Have a competition and see who can paint the best (or worst) picture.

13. Bake cookies – and write on them!

Buy some edible markers from



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A group of hot air balloons begin their journey across the city.

the grocery store and color, draw or write notes on your cookies.

14. Travel around the world

Pick a place you've always wanted to go – France, Italy or Greece, perhaps? – and plan to theoretically travel there for the night. Visit the Art Museum and look at that country's art, eat din-

ner at a restaurant specializing in that type of food and listen to that country's music.

15. Go out to breakfast

Most people go out to dinner for Valentine's Day, so why not be different? Go out to breakfast instead. Try First Watch, Sugar and Spice or Bob Evans.

WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH ALL THAT JUNK?

Since Super Bowl Sunday, Fergie has (unfortunately) been stuck in our heads. Inspired, we set out to see what kind of junk Xavier students keep in their trunk...er, back seat.

with John Schroeck, Features Editor



- 1. Junior Meagan Weber spends hours in her back seat jamming out to CDs, cramming homework into the seat pockets and coloring in her Disney-themed coloring books. Sometimes even inside the lines.
- 2. The trunk of senior Doug Tifft is filled with even less shoes than his closet. Local authorities have been contacted about his blatant disregard for out-of-season golf club laws.
- 3. Senior Alex Kotch is prepared for some sort of apocalyptic End Times scenario that will require roller blades, a sleeping bag and a large box filled with assorted papers and bicycle helmets.
- 4. Freshman Paul Heintzman has taken up residence in his back seat after finding his on-campus accommodations unsatisfactory. The front seat now doubles as a laundry rack and his lap a toilet paper dispenser.
- 5. A collection of screen prints, sketches and T-shirts have gathered in the trunk of senior Elissa Conte. Her much frowned-upon collection of peacock feathers has been reported to PETA.





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